

Regina

Before & After

Cyclone

June 30

1912

REGINA SASKATCHEWAN CANADA

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THE QUEEN CITY OF THE WEST

*The Capital of Saskatchewan and Largest City in the Province
Population, 40,000*

REGINA HAS enjoyed the most rapid growth during the past five years of any city in Canada. The new Parliament buildings at a cost of \$3,000,000; 12 Chartered Banks, estimated clearing for 1912, \$127,000,000; a municipally owned Street Railway; Electric Light and Water Works Plant; during the past year spent over \$800,000 on Warehouses and Factories; plans ready for nearly \$7,000,000 worth of buildings up to May 1st, 1912; more branch lines radiating from the city than from any other point west of Winnipeg.

REGINA IS the chief distributing centre of the Province; noted for its handsome residential streets and fine public buildings; the largest point of distribution of agricultural implements in the world; the educational, commercial, financial and industrial centre of Saskatchewan and is the headquarters of all fraternal, religious and similar organizations.

REGINA DID more building in 1911 than seven cities of larger population; building in 1911 to the amount of \$5,099,340; Municipal Construction work in 1911 to the amount of \$1,000,000; Paving to the extent of sixteen miles during the past couple of years and further construction is under way.

Condensed Facts about the Cyclone

Time: About 5 p.m., Sunday, June 30th, 1912.

Area of damaged section: Three blocks wide by about 12 blocks long.

Number killed, 30. Number injured, 200. Number homeless, 2,500.

Property loss, \$4,000,000. Buildings wrecked and damaged, 500.

Actual length of time cyclone took to cover its course was about 3 minutes

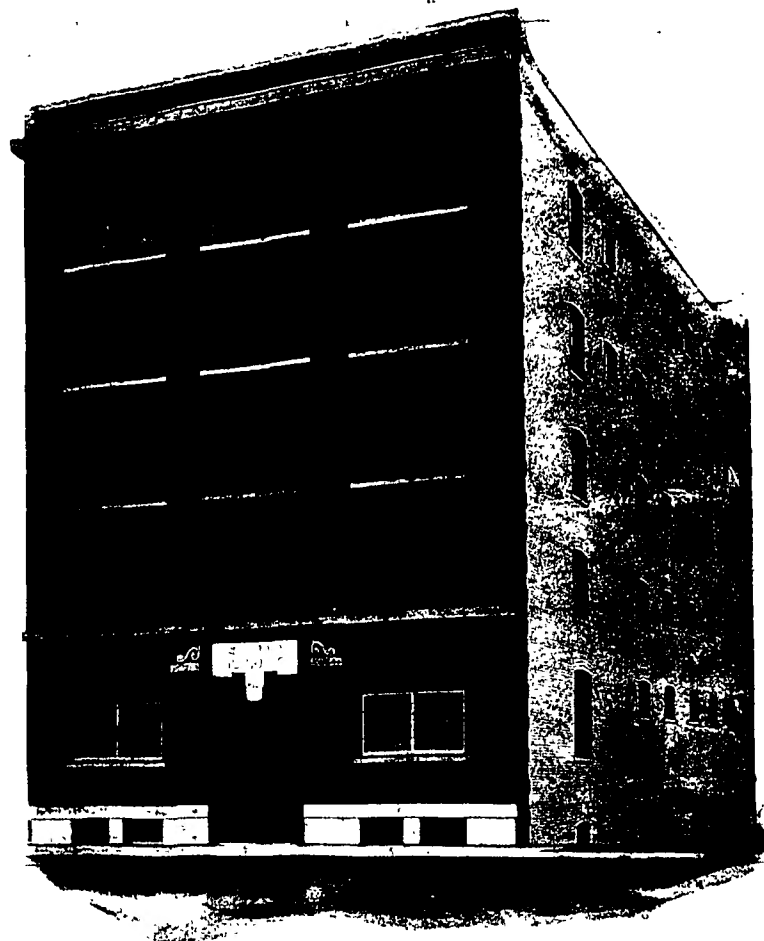
Prominent Buildings destroyed: Knox Church, Metropolitan Church; Telephone Exchange, Y.W.C.A., Y.M.C.A., Winnipeg Elevator, Ackerman Building, C.P.R. Freight Depot, Crapper Block, and many other large buildings were badly wrecked.



After the Storm

Eighteen hours after the cyclone had completed its work thousands of men were at work clearing the debris and repairing such buildings as could be repaired. Many buildings, completely demolished, are being rebuilt. There is still plenty to be done, but with the large army of workmen now employed on the task, it is only a matter of a few months until all outward trace of the cyclone will have passed.

The city has under consideration a plan for the relief of the homeless by rebuilding their homes on long time loans.

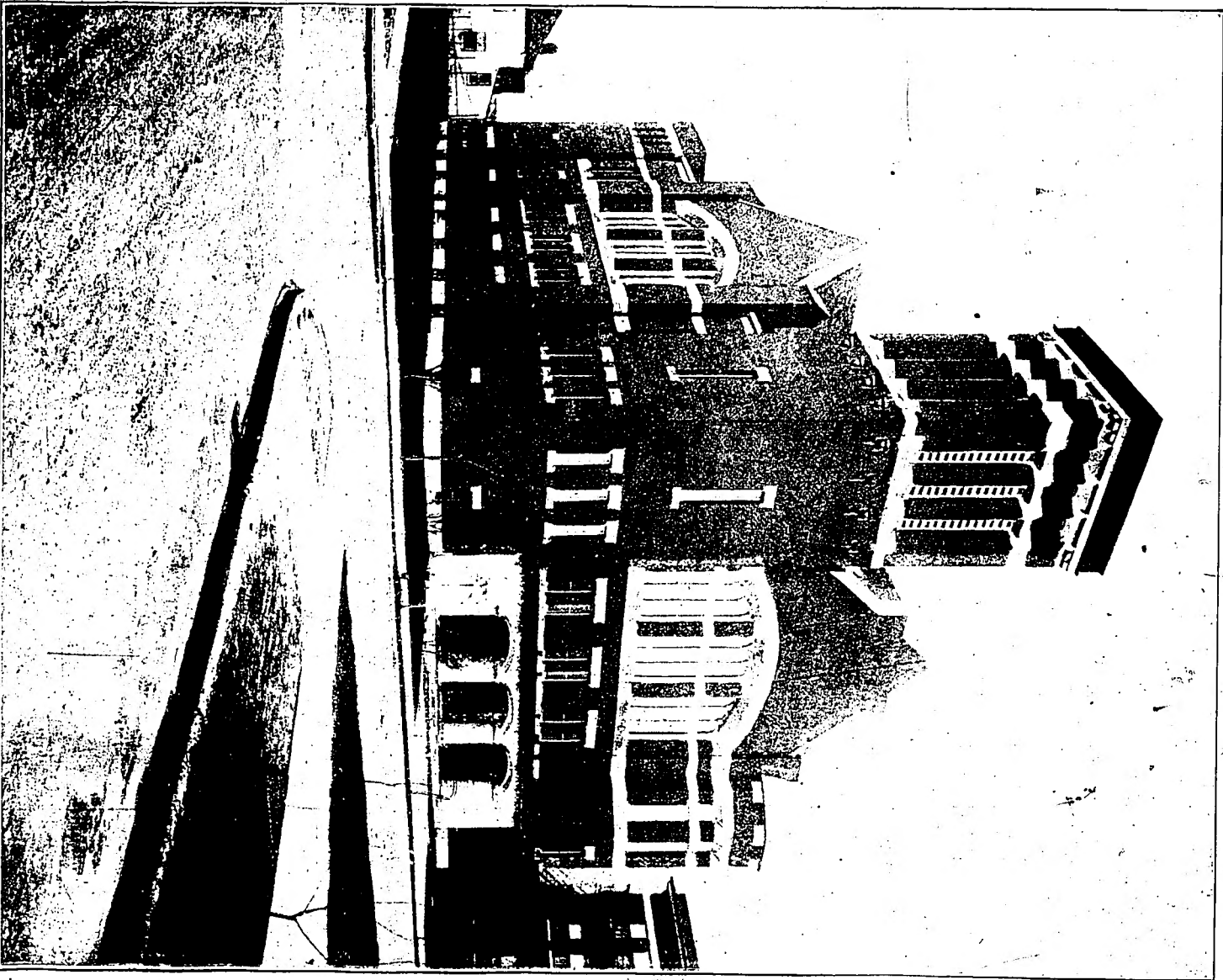


THE ACKERMAN BUILDING BEFORE THE CYCLONE.



ACKERMAN BUILDING. Located on Dewdney St. in the wholesale district. The upper stories of this building were completely carried away. The stock loss in this instance it is said will reach \$150,000 from the wind and rain after cyclone had passed. The whole building will have to be torn down and built anew.

Photo by "Fenney"



THE METHODIST CHURCH BEFORE THE CYCLONE

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METROPOLITAN METHODIST CHURCH. One of the finest churches in the West. Erected at a cost of over \$100,000 about 18 months ago. This building was so badly wrecked that it will have to be rebuilt from the ground up.

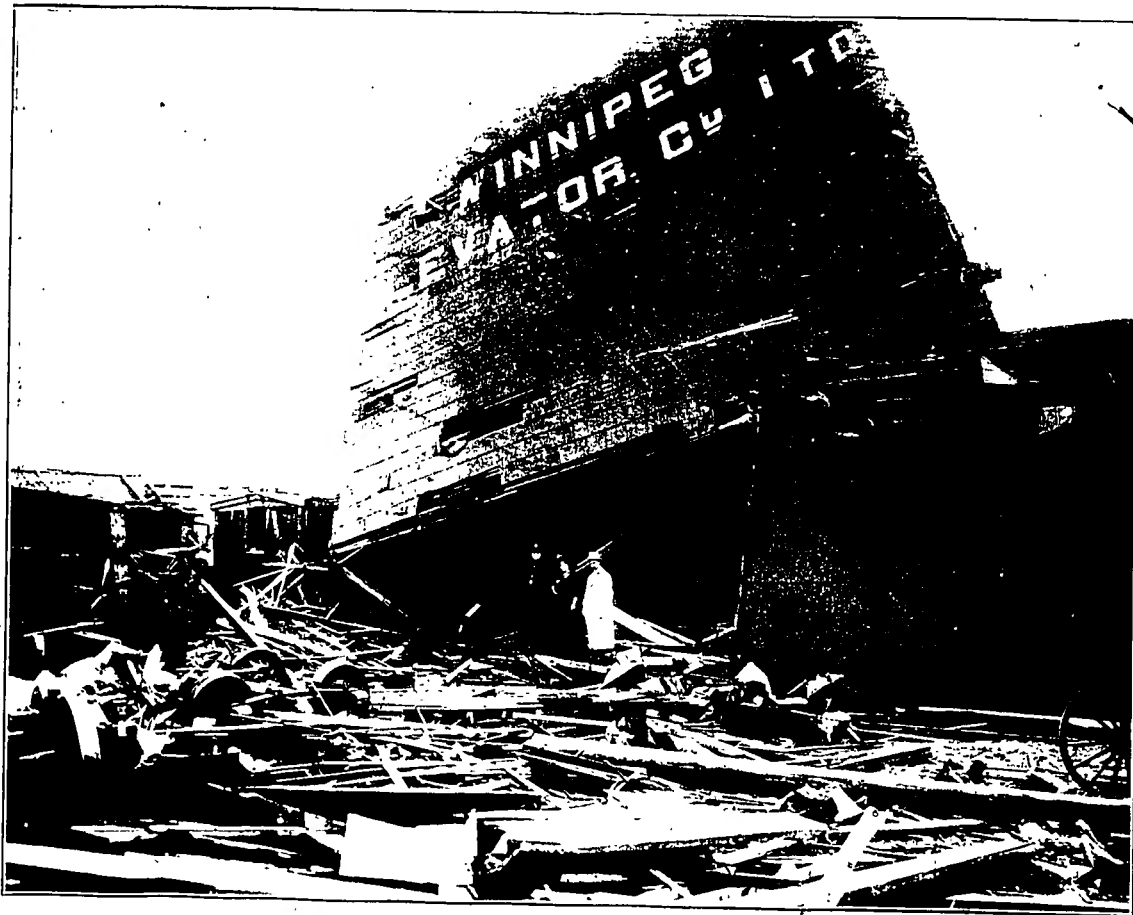
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Showing a block of cyclone-swept district on Smith Street with Parliament Buildings in the distance. Homes on this street were among the finest in the city, costing from \$7,000 to \$18,000 each.



SMITH STREET as it appeared after cyclone. View on opposite page was taken almost on the identical spot as this.



WINNIPEG ELEVATOR. This huge structure was toppled over as if made of cardboard. The photo will give a slight idea of the pressure of the cyclone cloud.

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CORNER SMITH ST. AND THIRTEENTH AVE. The above picture shows how thoroughly the Cyclone did its work. "This block was built up on every lot, and as will be seen, only a small percentage of the houses are now visible.

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LORNE STREET. Showing a section of buildings utterly destroyed. *Photo by "Fenney"*



CRAPPER BLOCK. This brick retail business block was completely wrecked and concerns occupying same lost practically all their stocks of merchandise. Those occupying the building were P. T. Evans & Co., 5c. to 25c. store; S. B. Yerxa, groceries; F. M. Crapper, art goods and wall paper; Western Construction Co., contractors and real estate. Total loss, \$100,000.

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PANORAMA

Section of two square blocks located between Smith and Lorne Streets. This comprised of some of the finest homes in Regina and shows how dozens of large houses were completely carried away and nothing left but a quantity of debris. Hundreds of people were in these houses at the time the Cyclone struck them, but the number of fatalities were remarkably few. When taking into consideration the enormous destruction of the buildings, it was miraculous that many more were not killed.

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Fifteenth
Avenue,
between
Lorne
and
Smith
Streets

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Cornwall
Street
North
side

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Corner
Smith
Street
and
Fourteenth
Ave.

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South
Railway
Street

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CORNER OF FOURTEENTH AVE. AND LORNE ST. Showing a large residence carried clearly from its foundations and deposited hundreds of feet away.

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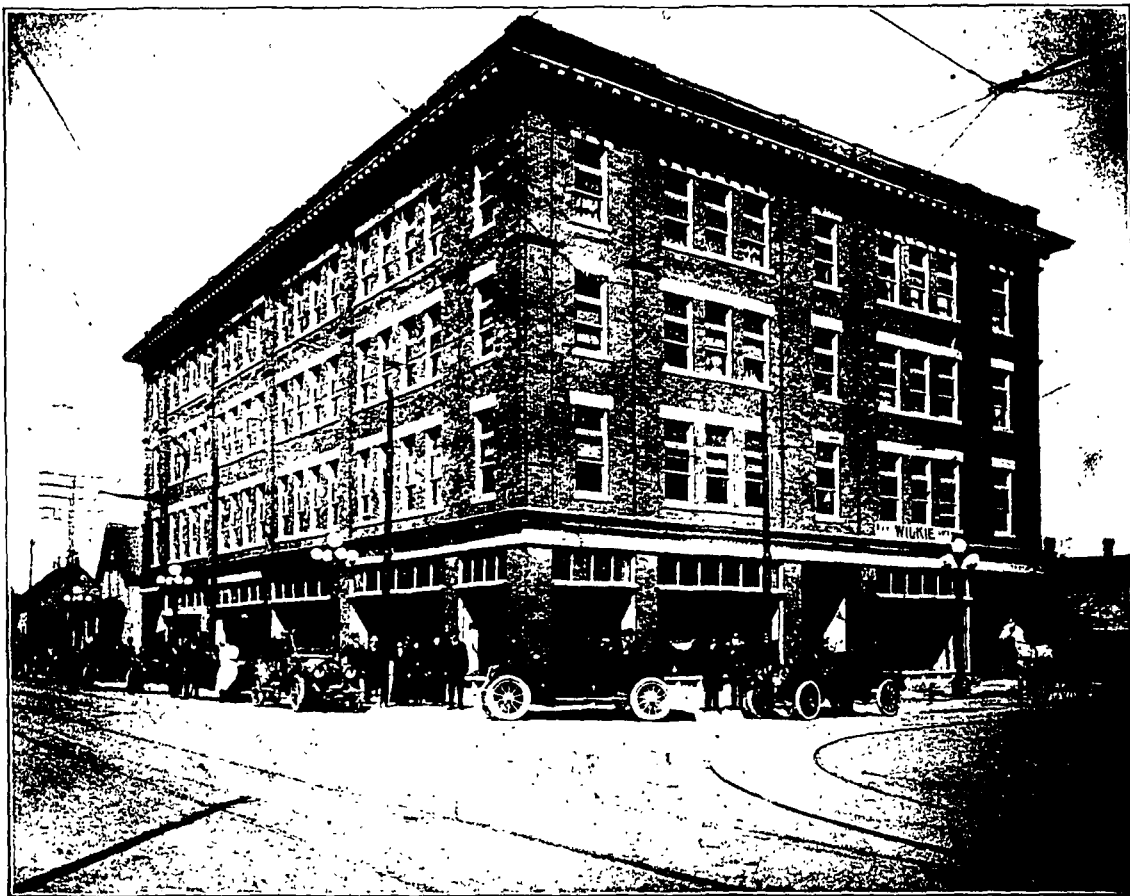
THE "KINGS HOTEL," the largest hotel in Regina, had part of the west wing blown away with about 100 windows and frames blown in. Damage to the extent of about \$1,000. The hotel being constructed of stone and brick withstood the cyclone with all its force.

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KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Showing remains of Y.M.C.A. in the background. The church was one of the largest and costliest in the city. The interior was shattered, leaving little of the framework intact.

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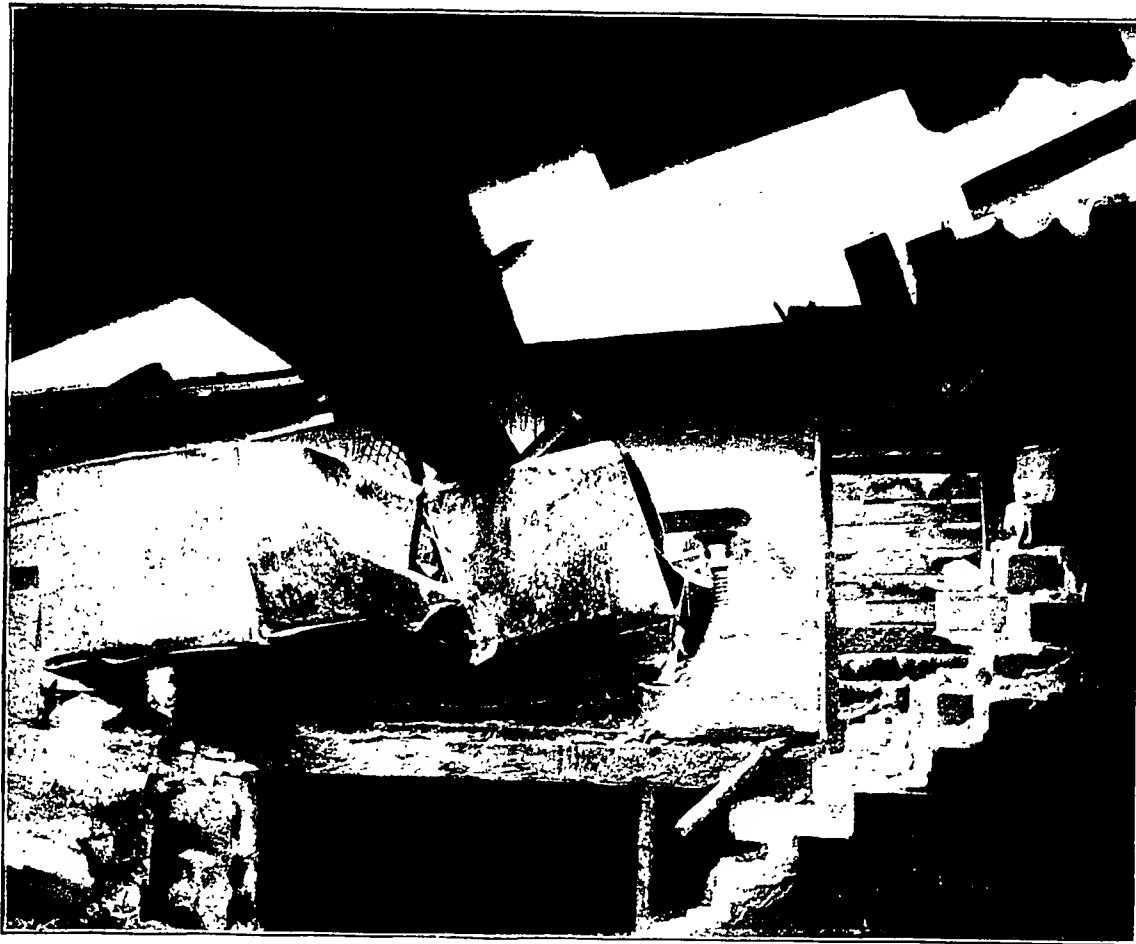


DONAHUE BUILDING BEFORE THE CYCLONE.



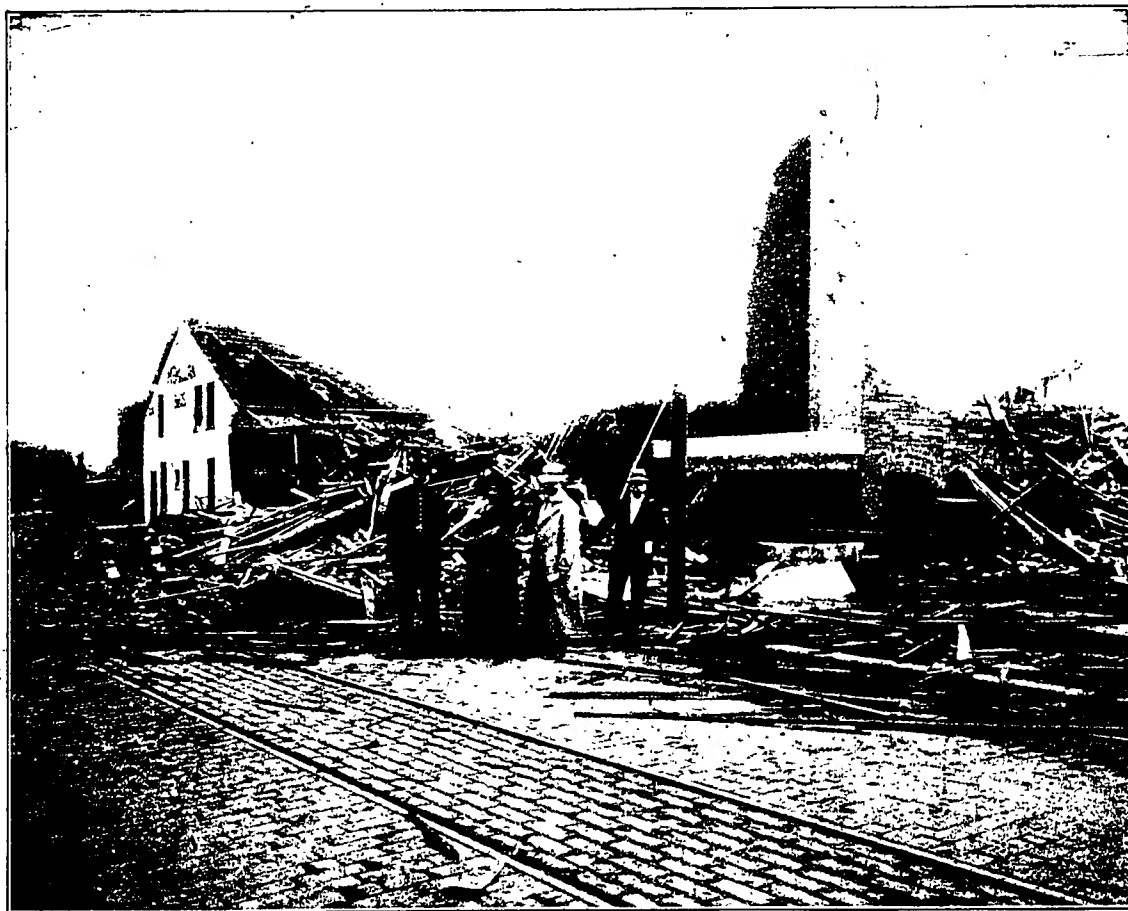
DONAHUE BUILDING. Probably no building in Regina was more strongly constructed than this one. It is of steel construction and this fact alone saved the walls. The interior of the building was badly shattered. One man was killed in the building and several injured. In the inside rooms large holes were torn in the walls by flying lumber and bricks.

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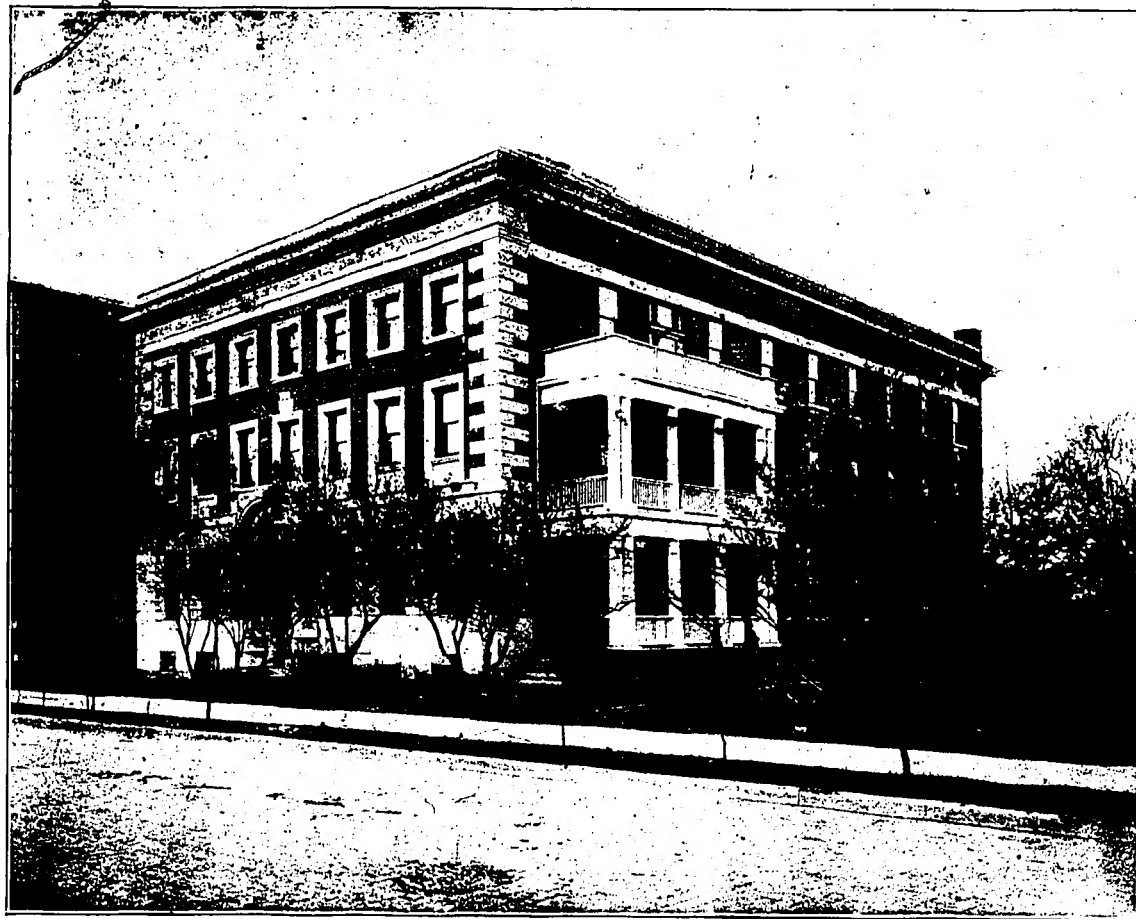
TELEPHONE EXCHANGE. Showing how operators were rescued by hundreds of willing hands, aided by jack screws to raise heavy beams and timbers from the sufferers.

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TELEPHONE EXCHANGE. This three-storey brick and stone structure was completely torn to the ground. On account of it being a quiet time on Sunday afternoon only about twelve girls were on duty. It is the marvel of all who have seen the wreck that any of the operators escaped; several were badly injured but all will recover. It was several hours before the wreckage could be removed and girls rescued from under the mass of lumber and bricks.

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Y.W.C.A. BUILDING BEFORE THE CYCLONE

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Y.W.C.A. BUILDING. A handsome brick and stone structure completed only a few months prior to cyclone. This building was well filled with young women who made their homes there. That there was not a large death list from this building is a miracle.



SOUTH RAILWAY STREET, showing Mulligan's Livery. Fifty horses in this building escaped serious injury, although building and carriages were completely demolished. One man was killed and several had narrow escapes.

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